

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A protective flashlight case for sealingly enclosing a flashlight having a key ring extension portion therein and for attaching the case to a support, the case comprising:
 - a first body portion having a forward end and a rearward end;
 - the first body portion having an integrally formed continuous side wall with a first sealing edge;
 - a second body portion having an forward end and a rearward end;
 - the second body portion having a integrally formed continuous side wall with a second sealing edge;
 - the first and second sealing edges configured to mate and form a water resistant seal so as to sealingly enclose the flashlight;
 - the rearward end of the body portions defining a loop portion configured to enclose the key ring extension portion of the flashlight; and
 - the loop portion having a closed continuous contour defining a hollow portion within to facilitate attachment of the case to the support.
2. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 wherein the hollow portion is generally triangularly in shape.
3. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 wherein the forward ends of the first and second body portions include a protuberance configured to accommodate a light source of the flashlight.
4. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 where the first and second body portions, when placed in facing engagement, form a waterproof enclosure adapted to enclose the flashlight.
5. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 further including an opening disposed in one of the body portions configured to engage and sealing contact a switch button of the flashlight enclosed to permit a user to activate the switch.
6. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 5 wherein the opening includes a beveled edge to facilitate forming a water tight seal around the switch.

7. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 5 wherein the opening forms a waterproof seal with the switch, the switch being exposed through the opening to facilitate depression thereof by a user.
8. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 5 wherein the opening is circular in shape.
9. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 wherein the first and second body portions are made of a high-impact plastic material.
10. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 wherein the first and second body portions are made of a waterproof material.
11. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 wherein the first and second body portions are made of transparent, colorless materials.
12. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 wherein at least one of the body portions are made of a transparent, colored material.
13. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 further including a mounting clip integrally formed on at least one of the first and second body portions.
14. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 13 wherein the mounting clip is generally U-shaped.
15. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 11 wherein a panel portion of the flashlight enclosed within the case is visible through the transparent material of the case.
16. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 15 wherein designs, graphics, insignia, indicia, and/or colors of the panel portion of the flashlight are visible through the case.
17. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 13 wherein the mounting clip is configured to grasp an article of clothing.
18. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 1 wherein the rearward ends of the body portions include a slot to facilitate separating the body portions
19. A protective flashlight case for sealingly enclosing a flashlight having a key ring extension portion therein and for attaching the case to a support, the case comprising:
 - a first body portion having a forward end and a rearward end;
 - the first body portion having an integrally formed continuous side wall with a first sealing edge;
 - a second body portion having a forward end and a rearward end;

the second body portion having an integrally formed continuous side wall with a second sealing edge;

the first and second sealing edges configured to mate and form a water resistant seal so as to sealingly enclose the flashlight;

the rearward end of the body portions defining a loop portion configured to enclose the key ring extension portion of the flashlight;

the loop portion having a closed continuous contour defining a hollow portion within to facilitate attachment of the case to the support; and

the forward ends of the first and second body portions including a protuberance configured to accommodate a light source of the flashlight.

20. A protective flashlight case for sealingly enclosing a flashlight having a key ring extension portion therein and for attaching the case to a support, the case comprising:

a first body portion having a forward end and a rearward end;

the first body portion having an integrally formed continuous side wall with a first sealing edge;

a second body portion having a forward end and a rearward end;

the second body portion having an integrally formed continuous side wall with a second sealing edge;

the first and second sealing edges configured to mate and form a water resistant seal so as to sealingly enclose the flashlight;

the rearward end of the body portions defining a loop portion configured to enclose the key ring extension portion of the flashlight;

the loop portion having a closed continuous contour defining a hollow portion within to facilitate attachment of the case to the support; and

an opening disposed in one of the body portions configured to engage and sealing contact a switch of the flashlight enclosed to permit a user to activate the switch.

21. A protective flashlight case for sealingly enclosing a flashlight, the case comprising:

a first body portion having a forward end and a rearward end;

the first body portion having an integrally formed continuous side wall with a first sealing edge;

a second body portion having an forward end and a rearward end;

the second body portion having a integrally formed continuous side wall with a second sealing edge;

the first and second sealing edges configured to mate and form a water resistant seal so as to sealingly enclose the flashlight; and

an opening disposed in one of the body portions configured to engage and sealing contact a switch button of the flashlight enclosed to permit a user to activate the switch.

22. The flashlight case in accordance with claim 21 wherein the opening forms a waterproof seal with the switch, the switch being exposed through the opening to facilitate depression thereof by a user.